

Serial No. 10/807,006
Applicant: Robert C. Berfield
Amendment after Final Rejection filed August 3, 2006
Attorney's Case No. 1-771
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REMARKS

Objections to Claims 3, 4, 7, 18 and 21 - Allowable Subject Matter.

Claims 3, 4, 7, 18, and 21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent claim 1 is rewritten herein to incorporate all the limitations of claim 3 and intervening claim 2.

Claim 4 is rewritten herein in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim.

Claim 7 is rewritten herein in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim.

Independent claim 16 is rewritten herein to incorporate all the limitations of claim 18 and intervening claim 17.

Claim 21 is rewritten herein in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim.

Based on the foregoing, allowance of independent claims 1, 4, 7, 16 and 21 is respectfully requested. Dependent claims 5, 6, 8, 9, 19, 20, and 22 depend from allowable claims and allowance of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

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Rejection of Claims 1-2, 5-6, 8, 16-17, 19-20, and 22 under
35 U.S.C. 103 (a).

Claims 1-2, 5-6, 8, 16-17, 19-20 and 22 were rejected under
35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dodd in view of
Tversen, or further in view of Crouser.

Claims 2 and 17 are canceled herein, rendering the
rejections moot.

Claims 1 and 16 are rewritten to incorporate allowable
subject matter and are allowable for the reasons set forth above.

After amendment claims 5-6, 8, 17, 19-20, and 22 depend from
allowable claims.

Based on the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections and
allowance of claims 5-6, 8, 17, 19-20 and 22 are respectfully
requested.

Newly Added Claims 24-31.

Claims 24-31 are dependent claims that depend either from
rewritten independent claim 7 or rewritten independent claim 21.
As claims 23-31 depend from allowable claims, allowance of claims
23-31 is respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

This amendment places all claims in condition for allowance.

Such favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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